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- ¶1. (SBU) Foreign Minister Paula Gopee-Scoon told the Charge May 5 that the GOTT viewed the CBSI initiative, and upcoming technical meeting, very positively. She promised to follow up on the initiative inside the GOTT.
- ¶2. (SBU) National Security Ministry International Affairs Director Antoinette Lucas-Andrews informed PolOff May 5 that the CARICOM Secretariat had sent a diplomatic note on May 4 to the USG (via our Embassy in Georgetown) formalizing the May 20 meeting offer. Lucas-Andrews continued that the GOTT delegation likely would be led by National Security Ministry Permanent Secretary Jennifer Boucaud-Blake and include appropriate technical advisors. Ministry will hold internal consultations on the proposed agenda topics to prepare for the meeting.
- $\P 3.$ (SBU) PolOff also discussed the agenda with CARICOM IMPACS Executive Assistant Lisa Welch. Welch indicated she would forward the information to Executive Director Lynn Ann Williams.

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